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## ADA-Indiana May Audio Conference

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Mark your calendars and plan to attend ADA-Indiana's May 20, 2008 audio conference entitled *Employer Best Practices: Recruitment and Hiring of People with Disabilities*. This session will highlight best practices learned by the Walgreen Company and Cincinnati Children's Hospital regarding the recruitment and hiring of people with disabilities.

Participants will learn what it took within these organizations to mobilize administration and management as well as all employees in support of this effort, and the benefits that they have realized as a result. Both Walgreen's and Cincinnati Children's Hospital have become models in the business community for embracing people with disabilities as part of their diverse workforce. Guest speakers will include Deb Russell, Walgreen Company and Erin Riehle, MSN, RN, Director, Project Search, Division of Disability Services, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Employers, employment support professionals, people with disabilities, and other interested community members should plan to attend. No pre-registration is required. SHRM and CRCC continuing education credits will be made available. The session is free at the locations sponsored by ADA-Indiana.

ADA-Indiana Site Locations:

Bloomington, IN (2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT)  
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Building L  
2853 East Tenth Street

Indianapolis, IN (2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT)  
Indiana Government Center, Conference Room 1  
402 West Washington Street

Look for these upcoming sessions:

- June 17 - Accommodating Employees with Psychiatric Disabilities in the Workplace
- July 15 - ADA Update: 18 Years Later
- August 19 - Serving Customers with Disabilities: Implications for the Hospitality Industry
- September 16 - Latino Immigrants with Disabilities: Challenges in Employment

If you are unable to attend at one of ADA-Indiana's sponsored sites, individuals and organizations can purchase access to the audio conference by visiting <http://www.ada-audio.org>. The cost is \$25.00 (for not-for-profits) and \$40.00 (for-profit entities).

For more information about this session or the 2007-2008 ADA Audio Conference Season, visit <http://www.adaindiana.org> or contact Matt Norris at 1-800-825-4733 or e-mail [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu).

## Accessible Transportation Workshop

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Increasing options for independent mobility for people with disabilities takes a community-wide effort, but it only takes one person to set that change in motion. In response, Easter Seals Project ACTION (ESPA) presents People on the Move: Using All Transportation Options (ADA and Beyond...), a train-the-trainer curriculum offering teachers and trainers the basic tools needed to expand community transportation options.

An opportunity to take advantage of this training will occur in Bloomington, June 25-26, 2008 at the Indiana Memorial Union Hotel and Conference Center. Applications are due by May 1, 2008. Acceptance is on a "first-come, first-served" basis and class size is limited, so applying early (with refundable application fee) is encouraged to ensure acceptance. After May 1, contact ESPA to see if there is space still available. Hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible after receiving acceptance confirmation.

Individuals who typically attend People on the Move include:

Human service providers: personnel in networks for disability and aging services, job coaches, independent living specialists, peer counselors, personal assistants, support coordinators and counselors.

Transportation providers: Bus operators and other drivers, ADA coordinators, customer service representatives, staff who take reservations, trainers, assessment and eligibility determination professionals, operations supervisors and municipal planners.

School personnel: teachers, teaching assistants, transition coordinators, employment preparation personnel, curriculum specialists and resource specialists.

Individuals who use community transportation and advocates who support community change.

As part of the People on the Move training, you'll receive a toolkit packed with information and resources and return home prepared to:

- Along with others, implement a community-wide environmental barrier analysis and identify remedies;
- Overcome barriers to using fixed-route bus services and identify strategies for increasing fixed-route ridership;
- Use what you have learned to introduce customers to public transit;
- Provide feedback to transportation providers using a positive, proactive style;
- Conduct sensitivity training for bus operators and other transportation personnel;
- Have a better understanding of transportation funding issues;
- Know your ADA rights and responsibilities;
- Support the people you serve in their trip planning skills; and
- Identify transportation options in your community and potential opportunities for improved coordination.

People on the Move participants use the training and toolkit in many ways, including teaching individuals to use fixed-route public transportation, training transportation personnel to serve customers with disabilities, and working to identify and remedy environmental barriers that prevent access and use of public transit.

How to Apply: Complete the application (a form can be downloaded from the ESPA Web site at <http://www.projectaction.org>). Mail the signed application with a \$100.00 check made payable to Easter Seals Project ACTION by the application due date. An application will not be accepted if it is not signed and accompanied by a \$100 check. Faxed applications will not be accepted. You will be contacted within five working days to learn if you have been accepted to the event (based on seating capacity). Priority is given to applicants who have not previously attended this training and to the first two applicants from an organization.

## Library Corner

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New Items: The following new materials may be borrowed by Indiana residents from the Center for Disability Information and Referral (CeDIR) at the Institute. To check out materials, contact the library at 1-800-437-7924, send e-mail to [cedir@indiana.edu](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Buck, J. H. (2007). *Hospital stay handbook: A guide to becoming a patient advocate for your loved ones*. Woodbury, MN: Llewellyn Publications.

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Hultquist, A. M. (2008). *What is dyslexia?: A book explaining dyslexia for kids and adults to use together*. London; Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Tashjian, J. (2007). *Tru confessions*. New York: Square Fish/Henry Holt and Company.

Reynolds, T. E. (2008). *Vulnerable communion: A theology of disability and hospitality*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press.

Vision, M. (2004). *Disabilities?! New York: Soul Vision Works Pub.*

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelD=40&newsId=25&newsType=2#sthash.YZD63QNz.dpuf>